GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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NATIONAL WATER GRID
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to establish a National Water Grid for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for better utilisation of water resources in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the National Water Grid Project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES
(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and Central Water Commission had in 1980 formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government of India has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July, 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of National Perspective Plan and to prepare feasibility report of the links. NWDA has completed pre- feasibility report of 31 water transfer links and feasibility report of 5 water transfer links. Implementation of water transfer link proposal depends on availability of funds and how soon the detailed project reports are prepared and consensus is reached among the concerned States.